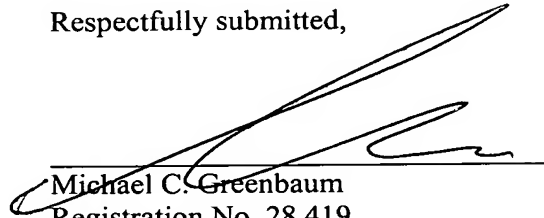


REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, the claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency, thereby reducing the filing fee. Prompt and favorable action on the subject application as presently amended is earnestly solicited.

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